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Working Paper Submitted by China

## Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty

The Chinese delegation hereby submits the following proposals for inclusion into the recommendation section of the report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 NPT Review Conference:

1. To negotiate and conclude a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) will be conducive to promoting nuclear disarmament and preventing nuclear weapons proliferation.

2. Only mutually coordinated and jointly implemented with other nuclear disarmament measures, will FMCT be meaningful for achieving the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

3. The commencement, progress and conclusion of FMCT negotiations are closely related to the development of international peace and security. With a view to early negotiation and conclusion of FMCT and promoting the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world, all the States parties to NPT should:

--strive to establish a just and fair new international political and economic order, firmly oppose and do away with hegemonism, power politics and the pursuit of absolute military superiority in international relations;

--respect one another's sovereignty and territorial integrity, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and the norms governing international relations, oppose the use or threat of military force against other countries under any pretext, and never resort to military force in international relations without the authorization from the United Nations Security Council;

--refrain from engaging in the research, development and deployment of space weapon systems and missile defense systems that undermine strategic security and stability;

--call upon the relevant nuclear weapon States to renounce the nuclear deterrence policy characterized by "first use of nuclear weapons", and withdraw all the nuclear weapons deployed on foreign soil to their owner's territory;

--request all the nuclear weapon States unconditionally undertake not to be the first to use nuclear weapons, nor use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States. International legal instruments should be concluded to this effect.

4. In line with the above-mentioned measures, the Conference on Disarmament should commence negotiations in accordance with the mandate contained in the Shannon report, with a view to concluding a universal and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other explosive devices.

5. FMCT should only prohibit the production of fissile material for nuclear weapon purposes. The production of fissile material for other military or civilian uses should not be prohibited.

6. The verification measures of FMCT should be determined in accordance with the scope of the treaty as set out by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, rather than copying the verification models of other treaties or conventions.

7. The future FMCT requires universality, with all the nuclear-capable States joining in the treaty.

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